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The World-class Corigliano String Quartet to perform in The Cleveland Museum of Art's Aki Festival of New Music on Oct. 26

"They have an excellent, smooth sense of ensemble, but with each part vigorously alive"
? New York Times

CLEVELAND (Oct. 21, 2003) —The Cleveland Museum of Art (CMA) proudly welcomes The Corigliano String Quartet, a vibrant and poised group of musicians whose sound and rhythm communicate the sounds of contemporary life. The quartet will perform in the Cleveland Museum of Art's **Gartner Auditorium on Sunday, Oct. 26 at 2:30 p.m.** and is part of the museum's **Aki Festival of New Music**.

The youthful Corigliano Quartet, which is comprised of violinist Michael Jinsoo Lim and Lina Bahn; violist Melia Watras and cellist Jeffrey Zeigler came together in 1996 while students at Indiana University. The Quartet was founded with the blessing of contemporary composer and namesake John Corigliano and is devoted to the presentation of new American music, balanced with works from the standard quartet repertoire.

The Quartet's performances display well-crafted, heartfelt music bursting with energy and emotion. They have performed in many of the nation's leading musical centers, including Carnegie Hall, Weill Recital Hall, and the Kennedy Center. The Quartet has also worked with composers Joan Tower, Karel Husa, Jeffrey Mumford, and Andrew Waggoner. In their Cleveland debut, they will perform works by Jeffrey Mumford, Andrew Waggoner, and Shafer Mahoney.

The next performance in the Aki Festival of New Music series will be **Ensemble Sirius on Wednesday, Oct. 29, at 7:30 p.m., in CMA's Gartner Auditorium**. Ensemble Sirius offers a program of music by the prominent German composer, Karlheinz Stockhausen.

The Cleveland Museum of Art receives operating support from the Ohio Arts Council and the Institute for Museum and Library Services. Aki is supported by the Kulas Foundation and the Musart Society.

The Cleveland Museum of Art is one of America's leading comprehensive museums. Its permanent collection is world renowned for its quality and breadth, spanning 6,000 years. The museum is a significant international forum for exhibitions, scholarship and art acquisitions. For more information on the museum, its holdings, programs, services and events, call 1-888-CMA-0033 or visit www.ClevelandArt.org.

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